



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO**  
**Environmental Health Services**  
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## **COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION SELF CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

A **Cottage Food Operation** shall not be open for business unless it is registered or permitted with San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services and has submitted a completed, self-certification checklist. The self-certification checklist shall verify that the cottage food operation conforms to the following requirements (check boxes below):

- ☐ No cottage food preparation, packaging, or handling will occur in the home kitchen concurrent with/at the same time as any other domestic activities, such as family meal preparation, dishwashing, clothes washing or ironing, kitchen cleaning, or guest entertainment.
- ☐ No infants, small children, or pets will be in the home kitchen during the preparation, packaging, or handling of any cottage food products.
- ☐ Kitchen equipment and utensils used to produce cottage food products will be clean and maintained in a good state of repair.
- ☐ All food contact surfaces, equipment, and utensils used for the preparation, packaging, or handling of any cottage food products will be washed, rinsed, and sanitized before each use.
- ☐ All food preparation and food and equipment storage areas will be maintained free of rodents and insects.
- ☐ Smoking will be prohibited in the portion of a private home used for the preparation, packaging, storage, or handling of cottage food products and related ingredients or equipment, or both, while cottage food products are being prepared, packaged, stored, or handled.

**I hereby declare and certify that the cottage food operation will be operated in conformance with the above conditions and restrictions. I agree to comply with and conform to the requirements of California Health and Safety Code pertaining to cottage food operations.**

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Name

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Business Name

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Signature

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Date